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**County Board Passes Vrakas Budget**

Waukesha, WIS. – The Waukesha County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2007 annual county budget at its meeting today. The Board showed overwhelming support for County Executive Dan Vrakas' budget and did not make any significant fiscal changes to his proposal.

"This is a great day for Waukesha County. I would like to sincerely thank the County Board for their hard work in reviewing my budget. Supervisors worked closely with my administration to pass a very conservative budget," stated Vrakas.

The thriving Waukesha County economy is experiencing a new construction growth rate of 2.6%. The adopted budget will limit the levy change to 1.3% and will lower the tax rate to \$1.83 per \$1,000 in equalized value, which is the lowest in a generation.

The 2007 Waukesha County Budget is twice as tough as the Republican Tax Freeze or \$1.2 million lower than would be allowed under that freeze. This will continue to position the county as one of the low tax leaders in the state, which creates a climate favorable to economic growth.

The budget effectively lowers taxes and the average homeowner will see a decrease in the County portion of their property tax bill.

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